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E. E. McMillan.

SUPERINTENDENT,
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W. L. Childress, James Ellis.

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Mrs. J. M. Booze, Mrs. W. L. Childress.

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Earl McMillan, 1 year, J. W. Devilbiss, 2 years, F. R. Jaenke, 3 years,
J. Fred Buch, 4 years, W. Lomax Childress, 5 years, W. F. Tietje, 5 years.

Standing Committees.

HOME MISSIONS,
F. R. Jaenke.

FOREIGN MISSIONS,
Mrs. W. L. Childress.

CHURCH ERECTION,
W. F. Tietje.

EDUCATION,
John E. Lewis.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS,
W. R. Schrock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INTERESTS,
James Ellis.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION,
Miss Grace Childress.

TEMPERANCE,
Kate E. Wilkins.

RESOLUTIONS,
Mrs. John E. Lewis.

BIBLE CAUSE,
Mrs. T. F. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY,
W. Lomax Childress, John E. Lewis.

Conference Roll.

ELDERS:

W. Lomax Childress, Roanoke,
C. A. Brigham, Roanoke,
U. O. Deputy, Haughton,
W. F. Tietje, Roanoke,
James Ellis, Jennings,
W. M. McVey,
John E. Lewis, Jennings.

LICENTIATES:

E. N. Hoffpauir, first year, Turkey Creek.
W. R. Schrock, second year, Church Point.
Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins, Jennings.
A. H. Smith, Nevada, Mo.

LAY DELEGATES:

Jennings, F. R. Jaenke.
Glenmora, Mrs. Pitre.
Bayou Mallet,
Roanoke, C. Winchell.
Otterbein,
Freeland,

STATIONING COMMITTEES REPORT.

W. LOMAX CHILDRESS, Superintendent,
Bayou Mallet, W. R. Schrock.
Evangeline, to be supplied.
Jennings, to be supplied.
Kephart, unsupplied.
Roanoke, W. Lomax Childress.
John E. Lewis, Conference Evangelist.
Mrs. T. F. Jones, Evangelist among French Speaking People.

Proceedings.

ROANOKE, LA., October 14, 1915.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference of the United Brethren in Christ was called to order by Bishop Cyrus J. Kephart, D. D. LL. D., of Kansas City, Mo.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop, after which the roll was called which is as follows:

Bayou Mallet, Mrs. Pitre; Turkey Creek; Jennings, F. R. Jaenke; Otterbein; Roanoke, C. Winchell; Kephart; Glenmora.

On motion duly seconded the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot in favor of Fred Buch for Secretary.

Moved and seconded that the Bishop appoint all committees from time to time as are essential to the progress and best interests of the Conference; motion carried.

The Bishop proceeded to appoint the following as committee on Boundary and Finance: W. Lomax Childress, F. R. Jaenke, W. F. Tietje C. A. Brigham, Mrs. Pitre, B. A. Richhart, W. R. Schrock and J. E. Lewis.

The following pastors reports were read and adopted: W. Lomax Childress and E. N. Hoffpauir.

On motion duly seconded Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15.

The hour of service having arrived the Bishop conducted the devotional exercises using for his scripture lesson 1st Cor. 1st chapter 10th verse, explaining how that Paul choose to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ. That we should hold to Christ who vitalized the whole Christian system. How that Paul left the matter of doctrine, creeds and ceremonies to the other brethren, he himself choosing Christ. That we too ought to choose like Paul that conclusion arrived in Christian work will be such as will meet with God's approval and that his Kingdom will be built up in our hearts and upon earth. We are not saved by our belief but by our acceptance.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted.

The report of the Superintendent, Rev. W. Lomax Childress, was read and a motion was made and seconded that he furnish a copy of his paper to the Religious Telescope for publication; motion carried.

Brothers Schrock and Lewis reported their work.

The paper on Bible Study was read by Brother Brigham.

Moved and seconded that the name of W. J. Killmer be dropped from the roll, he having withdrawn from the church.

The Bishop then appointed the following committees:

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. L. Childress and James Ellis.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS—James Ellis and C. A. Brigham.

NOMINATIONS—J. E. Lewis, Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins and W. R. Schrock.

On motion duly seconded Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Conference session was called to order by the Bishop, Rev. James Ellis being in charge of the devotional exercises he using the 1st Psalm as the basis of his remarks, bringing to us the following conclusions: The privileges of the christian, the rewards of obedience; and by anchoring to Christ we have stability, with the satisfaction of knowing that God knoweth the way of the righteous, but the ungodly shall perish.

The opportunity of the United Brethren church in Louisiana was presented by Rev. John E. Lewis in which the Conference gleaned the following: That about one-half of the entire population of the state, 850,000, do not attend or go to any church, meaning that a great field for activity lies before us.

How can these necessities be met was introduced by Brother Tietje, he leaving for our thought and earnest consideration—Means, Men and Loyalty. From these presentations developed one of the most helpful sessions of the conference.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the following Principles and Policies for this Conference:

PRINCIPLES.

1. Determine Success possible.
2. Decide to win.

3. Recognize past failures, but cease to be depressed by them.

4. Guard carefully as to men chosen as leaders, both Ministers and Laymen.

5. Plan so as to inspire confidence locally and at denominational headquarters.

POLICIES.

1. Strengthen existing centers.
2. Strengthen contiguous charges.
3. Develop from these as centers.
4. Select Strategic points.
5. Use only good, capable and reliable men.
6. Push Things.

Moved and seconded that the report on Bible cause be adopted; motion carried.

A Partial report of the committee on nominations was read, and being duly seconded and acted on by the conference was adopted.

The Conference Treasurer report was read in part, that of brother Coffin which covered the first quarter of our conference year, and upon motion duly seconded, was adopted.

The last three-fourths of the year was presented by Brother Tietje, and was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Moved and seconded that Brother Schrock be reimbursed $4.15 money expended by him for freight on tent; motion carried.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance was read and upon authorization of the Conference was laid upon the table until tomorrow morning.

Rev. Alonzo Early of the Congregational Church was called forward and introduced to the Conference.

Brother Bishop appointed a committee on time and place as follows: W. Lomax Childress, W. R. Shrock and F. R. Jaenke.

On motion Conference adjourned.

At the evening session two of the papers of the Bible Study course were presented.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16.

The devotional services at this hour were conducted by W. F. Tietje.

The balance of the report of the Committee on Nominations was read, and upon motion duly seconded, was ordered accepted by the Conference.

Moved and seconded that E. E. McMillan be elected Conference Treasurer for the coming year; motion carried.

The Paper on Education was presented by Brother Tietje; on motion duly seconded the report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report of the Board of Trustees was read and by action of the Conference was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Secretary of Conference Board of Trustees was read and accepted.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to appraise the Glenmora properties and report same to the Conference Treasurer; motion carried. The Bishop appointed as follows: W. Lomax Childress, W. F. Tietje and Fred Buch.

Moved and seconded that the time of our next Conferences be in the month of November of each year, dating from the 15th to the latter part of said month.

Moved and seconded, that owing to the change of our Conference year, the appointments and appropriations be revised and made in keeping with the conference year, said report being returned to the said committee for revision; motion carried.

The following Special Bible Study papers were read: Paul's letter to the Ephesians by Rev. Jno. E. Lewis. His letter to the Colossians by Brother Tietje. His 1st letter to Timothy by Mrs. Jno. E. Lewis.

The Assignment on Seminary Extension was presented by Bishop Kephart and on order of the Conference was adopted.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Boundary and Finance Committee ordered laid on the table be taken up and referred back to the committee for revision. Motion carried.

The report was called for and read, and certain sections referred back to the committee for readjustment occasioned by the change in the time of the conference year.

On motion duly seconded all of the report except the appropriations and apportionments were adopted by the Conference.

A ballot being taken a canvass of the returns declared Rev. W. Lomax Childress Superintendent for the coming year.

On motion Conference adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotions at this time were in charge of Brother Brigham.

Moved and seconded that the Stationing Committee be authorized to place the name of Mrs. T. F. Jones in the Capacity of Evangelist to the French speaking people in our Conference. Motion carried.

The following papers were read and adopted:

Church Erection by W. R. Schrock. The Sunday School by Fred Buch. Publishing Interest by James Ellis.

The Bishop then proceeded to appoint the Standing Committee for the coming year:

Home Missions—Frank R. Jaenke.
Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. L. Childress.
Church Erection—W. F. Tietje.
Education—J. E. Lewis.
Publishing Interest—W. R. Schrock.
Sunday School Interest—James Ellis.
Christian Endeavor—Miss Grace Childress.
Temperance—Mrs. Katie E. Wilkins.
Resolutions—Mrs. J. E. Lewis.

Bishop Kephart then gave his address on The United Work Program, Its Aims and Problems, from which we gave a many helpful suggestions.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Foreign Missions by W. Lomax Childress.
Home Missions by Mrs. W. L. Childress.
Temperance by W. R. Schrock.

The revisions of the apportionments and appropriations were called for read and adopted.

Christian Stewardship was presented by Brother Brigham and adopted by the Conference.

Moved and seconded that the names of Brothers Childress and Tietje be named as ministerial nominees to the next General Conference one of whom shall be elected as delegate to the General Conference, and that F. R. Jaenke and Fred Buch constitute a committee to propose the names of three lay delegates, one of whom shall be chosen as representative to the General Conference. Motion carried.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read and ordered received by the conference.

Minutes of the previous days sessions were read and after correction were adopted.

Moved and seconded that the expense of telegrams in conference work be borne by the Louisiana Conference. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the editing and printing of the minutes of the conference be placed in the hands of Fred Buch. Motion carried.

The report of the auditing committee was read and adopted.

On motion conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The report of the committee on nominations of lay delegates to General Conference report as follows: J. W. Devilbiss, B. A. Richhart, Fred Buch.

The report of the Examining Committee reported Brother Schrock as making an average grade of 90 on 1st years work and recommend that he be passed to the second years course of study; motion was made and seconded for its adoption. Motion carried.

On motion conference ordered $30.00 to be paid Brother Hoffpauir and $15.00 to Brother Schrock in addition to their appropriations.

On motion Rev. Henry Carlyon was granted a transfer to the Missouri Conference.

Moved and seconded that the minutes as read from time be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that conference adjourn. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes are the full and official record of the proceedings of the Sixteenth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. *FRED BUCH, Secretary.*

Reports.

PRESIDING ELDER.

To the Bishop and Members of the Sixteenth Session of the Louisiana Conference of the Church of "The United Brethren in Christ."

Dear Friends and Brethren in Christ:

While I bring to you the sincere gratitude of my heart, to God the giver of all good gifts for his loving kindness and tender mercy to me during the past year, I regret to say that I cannot bring any tidings of great joy concerning the progress of our work in Louisiana during the past current Conference year. We are now, I believe for the first time in several years, compelled to record the fact that we have experienced a considerable decrease in our membership during the year; also that in a material way we have not prospered. This condition cannot be ascribed, I think, to any lack of earnest effort upon the part of those who are assembled here today, but the inducing cause has been the character of some of the workers who like Demus have forsaken us; and along with this the no less cogent cause of a lack of both men and means to carry foward the work in the state. Apologies for failure are perhaps not difficult to make, and many times are based upon the inefficiency of those to whom the work to be done is entrusted, this may possibly in part be the explanation of our condition, but it does not offer a full explanation. The real reasons are these: This conference organized fifteen years ago in a territory until then unknown and untoched by us has received from the General Church Erection Board during nearly two decades less than five hundred dollars to assist in building churches; this lack of help has been a fatal handicap to us as a church and has confined our efforts in a material way to the building of small churches in rural communities in the main. In the second place we have had no extensive support from the General Home Mission Board, the giving of which would have enabled us to have entered the centers of population; this condition has also operated to prevent us from securing the services of efficient and

experienced men who would have developed our church interest and given us position and prominence as a denomination in the state. The third reason is that those whom we could employ with our meagre means, many of them proved radical, and in the testing time disloyal and betrayed our interest in the hour of our urgent need for the utmost fidelity; this combination of circumstances has caused a condition that has been impossible for us to overcome, and brought us to a crisis in the affairs of our church in Louisiana. What the future may develop depends largely upon what the General Boards of our church will do in our behalf. We have suffered the loss of a flourishing mission in New Orleans because we have not had the needed support from the General Boards. Our work at Glenmora had to be abandoned for the same reason, though at that place we have converted the church in to a dwelling, and own at that place and have rented two residences from which we are receiving an income for Conference Extension Work. The church at Ellis has been sold because the membership at that point was swayed by the Nazarene and Tongues element and left us; for the same reason the church building at Egan was also disposed of; these losses of course considerably decreased our membership and from the effect of it we have not fully recovered. Turkey Creek, Bayou Mallett, Roanoke and Jennings charges are I think in fairly good condition. The pastor, for lack of support, left Kephart charge and from this field there will be no report. The apportionment by the Finance Commission to this small and struggling conference is altogether too large, and should be reduced. The character of our people in Louisiana is exceptionally good; they have given largely and have worked earnestly under discouraging circumstances, and deserve unstinted praise for what they have done; no people with better hearts and with larger liberality live anywhere than in Louisiana. After having worked in many states during a period of twenty-five years in the service of this church I have found nowhere nobler spirits nor a greater disposition to help and be kind than I have found during the seven years of my sojourn in Louisiana; and no deeper joy has come to my heart than the knowledge that a host of friends in this wonderful and beautiful state were praying for me and were willing to do all that they could that the work of the Lord Jesus

Christ should be carried on. I urge no effort that I have made as a reason why any advance has been made at any time, but with a deep sense of my own limitations acknowledge that a better leadership might have secured something more than we have at this time. For my mistakes that were many and for the lack of a larger fitness I have a sincere regret and for any acts of mine that may have given offense I ask forgiveness. Wishing for you and all of the folded flock of the Lord Jesus Christ in the wide world every good and precious gift of the Father's love, I am your loving friend and brother in Christ.

W. LOMAX CHILDRESS,
Conference Superintendent.

APPRAISEMENT.

We, your Committee on Appraisement of value of property in the hands of Conference Trustees, at Glenmora, La., would respectfully report that we find the value of said property to be two thousand dollars. Signed, FRED BUCH,
W. LOMAX CHILDRESS,
Committee.

ASSIGNMENT.

We are pleased with the Seminary Extension plan of Bible Study and advise its continuation. Appreciating the good that has come to us by means of our special studying the past year, we accept the following assignment for the coming year:

Central Theme—Acts of the Apostles.

Author, Time, Purpose, Characteristics, Analysis—Jno. E. Lewis.

The Prominent Religious Actors, their History and Service—W. R. Schrock.

The Prominent Civil Rulers, their History and Service—Jas. Ellis.

The Chief Places Named, Locations and What was Done in Each—W. F. Tietje.

The Three Prayer Meetings, Occasions, Persons, Results—Mrs. Wilkins.

Revivals in the N. T. & O. T. Compared in Means and Results—E. N. Hoffpauir.

Having only one book this year it is expected that every pastor, by special study, by expository sermons and by use in the prayer service (having the people also read it with him) teach the entire book first, then by special attention to his particular assignment teach that and then write his paper on it.

As overseers of the flock shall we not educate every member to feel his spiritual nature day by day on the word of God that he may grow thereby and become strong.

We recommend that the carrying out of this Seminary Extension plan of study of God's word by pastors be under the supervision of the superintendent of the Conference during the year.

Committee on Assignments.

AUDITING.

Your Committee on Auditing have attended to their duty and find the accounts of Treasurer of Board of Trustees correct.

JAMES ELLIS, Chairman.

BOUNDARIES AND FINANCE.

1. That a superintendent be elected, to whose traveling expenses $60.00 shall be apportioned to the fields in connection with the General Budget.

2. That New Orleans be abandoned.

3. That Pitreville, Pine Prarie and Turkey Creek be combined to be known as Bayou Mallet charge.

4. That Evangeline appointment be recognized as a separate charge

5. That the following be the apportionments to the separate fields as the Benevolence Budget, the same to be for 13 months; 45 per cent of the income from which to be devoted to the General Budget, and 55 per cent to the Conference Budget:

Bayou Mallet -	$ 45.00	
Jennings - -	220.00	
Kephart - - -		
Roanoke - -	385.00	
Evangeline - -	12.00	$662.00

6. The following appropriations be made.

	GENL. FUND	CONF. FUND
Bayou Mallet -	$275.00	
Jennings - -	300.00	
To Conference Evangelist -		$487.50

7. That Rev. J. E. Lewis be elected Conference Evangelist, to work under the direction of the Conference Board of Trustees, with the provisions:

(a) That his work shall be especially to hold evangelistic meetings at new points in that part of State of Louisiana contiguous to points where we already operate.

(b) That upon holding a successful meeting at any point he shall, if it seems advisable to the Board of Trustees, organize at such point, and himself serve as pastor until a pastor is secured for the same.

(c) That he shall receive as remuneration for such work:

(1) Whatever amount accrues from meetings held after local expenses of same are met.

(2) Thirty seven and one-half dollars per month from the Conference Extension Funds for the time occupied in work as above outlined.

8. That an additional appropriations for the year closing be made as follows: To E. N. Hoffpauir $30.00; to W. R. Schrock $15.00. That $60.00 be advanced to J. E. Lewis upon his year's work, same to count on his appropriation.

SIGNED COMMITTEE.

CHURCH ERECTION.

The Jewish nation in Solomon's reign was well organized religiously throughout the nation, and being well organized it was made possible for Solomon to erect the first great temple in which to worship God. This Temple proved to be a great blessing to them, and today the erection of a church in a community

generally proves to be a blessing to that community. But in this day and age we do not find our country so well organized religiously as it was in Solomon's time, and the United Brethren Church found it necessary to form an organization or society know as the Church Erection Society to help the unorganized places througout our country to erect churches in which to worship God. The society has proved to be a blessing to the general church and to many a community. We should gladly give our support and co-operation in every way.

W. R. SCHROCK.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

A steward is one who administers or superintends the domestic or business affairs of another. Stewardship implies responsibility. A steward is responsible for the wealth committed to his trust; he is responsible for the proper manipulation and use of that committed to his care so that there may be no waste on the one hand, but increase and usury on the other. He must render an account of his stewardship; after a long time the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them. The steward owns nothing; that in his possession is delivered to him to be held in trust. An important and a fundamental fact, that of Divine ownership, should be recognized always and everywhere. One may say, I own a thousand acres of land; another, I own gold and silver mines; another, I own oil property; another, I own stocks and bonds. They all utter an untruth for they own nothing in the abstract, in the absolute sense—God owns everything. Every foot of land, every ounce of silver and gold, every drop of oil, every cent represented in stocks and bonds, they all belong to him. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. The gold is mine and the silver is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." We all have some capital entrusted to us, and the possession implies responsibility for the right and intelligent use of what we have, whether represented by current funds, bonds, stocks, education, profession, mechanical ability or lands; God requires definite and specific returns from our stewardship. The

Divine requirement under the law, the Old Testament dispensation, was the tithe or tenth of the yearly increase from the fields and flocks, besides many other gifts and offerings which they were required to make. It may be asked, are we under grace, the New Testament dispensation, under obligation to tithe our income as did the Jews? If no instruction was given in the New Testament relative to the doctrine of financial responsibility to God, could not we reasonably assume that our obligation is as great as the obligation of the Jewish people? Are not our privileges much greater than those of the Jews? Should we not be as appreciative as the Jew? Ought not we be as loyal to God as they? Cannot God reasonably expect as much of those baptized and annointed with the Holy Spirit as he did of those who never had such experience? If you answer affirmatively then why not pay and give as liberally. Paul gives us this instruction in 1st Corinthians 16:2 "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." The time for replenishing the Lord's treasury is clearly stated, the first day of the week; the amount to be returned to the Lord is to be commensurate with his prosperity, as God has prospered you, and the rule is of universal application, let every one of you lay by him in store. If this injunction was followed many would give much more than the tenth; many would give the tenth, while some might not in any given year be able to give the tenth. God demands returns from our stewardship, not because he is indigent and needy, for he could by a thought create worlds of gold and silver, but in the economy of the plan of salvation he intends that giving shall be a means of grace, a part of worship, as much so as singing or prayer. As to the benefits to be derived from tithing both to the individual and the church there can be no question. It would fill the treasury of the church so there need be no churches burdened with debt; our school would have an endowment fund; a pauperized ministry would be a thing of the past and God's people would be none the poorer but richer. As too the method or mode of arriving at the tithe there is a great diversity of opinion. We cannot enter into discussion of this phase of the question in this brief paper. These are questions in which the individual is a law unto himself. He should by the

study of the word, by earnest prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit seek to know the will of God. We urge the careful, prayerful, intilligent study of the doctrine of financial responsibility to God. Respectfully submitted.

C. A. BRIGHAM.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

JENNINGS, LA., Dec. 19th, 1914.

Pursuant to a call issued by the President of the Conference Board of Trustees, the committee met in the offices of the Buch Printing Co., for the purpose of considering the matter of incorporation, and any other matters of importance.

On motion duly seconded Brother Frank R. Jaenke was elected Vice President.

Upon the advice of the Attorney, J. O. Modisette, the Board proceeded to elect another member in order that the statute requirement might be met, and Brother W. F. Tietje was elected.

Moved and seconded that the President of the Board be authorized to complete the plans for the transfer of the Ellis church property to a religious sect known as the Nazarene. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the constitution as provided and recommended by the General Conference be adopted as our guide. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the President of the Board be authorized to rent the parsonage at Glenmora for $10.00 or more per month; also that he be empowered to sell the church building and grounds, if in his judgment an offer be received sufficient to warrant said sale. Motion carried.

On motion duly seconded the law firm of Modisette & Adams was retained to attend to all legal matters pertaining to the drafting of the charter and the transfer of properties.

Moved and seconded that the expense incurred in the transfer of the properties be borne out of the proceeds of sale from the said properties.

Moved and seconded we adjourn. Motion carried.

Members present: W. Lomas Childress, F. R. Jaenke, W. E. Coffin and Fred Buch. Proxie, J. W. Devilbiss.

JENNINGS, LA., Jan. 25th, 1915.

The Board of Conference Trustees met in the offices of the Buch Printing Company, in response to a call issued by the president of said board. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The report of the President of the Board, W. Lomax Childress, was listened to, (with reference to the property status at Glenmora) and he presented the contract entered into with the real estate agent at that place.

It was moved and seconded that we endorse the action of Brother Childress in his dealings with the real estate agent in Rapides parish. Motion carried.

The sale of the property at Ellis was reported, $200.00 cash in hand paid, which amount was turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that the secretary be authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for $100.00, money expended on church property in New Orleans; motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we appropriate $50.00 from the Home Mission Extension Fund of the Conference to help defray the expense of the Conference Superintendent; motion carried.

On motion duly seconded the resignation of Brother W. E. Coffin as Conference Treasurer of the Board of Trustees was accepted.

Moved and seconded that E. E. McMillan be elected a member of the Conference Board of Trustees as Treasurer; motion carried.

Upon approval of the Board Frank R. Jaenke and Fred Buch were appointed a committee to audit the books of Brother Coffin.

Moved and seconded that we extend to Brother Coffin a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which he kept his accounts; motion carried.

On motion the Conference Board adjourned.

FRED BUCH, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

Efficency is the supreme demand of our day and time, and the Church in its onward move toward the accomplishment of its given task as outlined in the last will and Testament of Jesus Christ, must meet this demand or lose the patronage of men.

A good education without question is one of the gratifying factors to give efficient thought, plan and service; this with the the additional of the unction of Holy Spirit makes any churchman a workman who need not and is not conformed by the isms and scisms of this word, but being rooted and grounded in an intelligent faith (and this faith always finds its best nurture in a school of his church affiliation) he is always able to give a reason for the hope that is within and hope is bold, aggressive, ever reaching out in conquest of barren hearts and the waste places of earth, making such to blossom as the rose, knowing well, that heavens supreme concern and joy is over repenting sinners.

Hence resolved that the Louisiana Conference give our earnest prayers, our encouraging words, and our loyal support, to deepen interest, to call out and train recruits for our ministry, to build up the colleges and seminary in every essential characteristic, and to make them centers of evangelistic power.

WM. F. TIETJE.

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE 1915.

Number of pastor's reports presented	4
Number presented 5 days or more before opening Conference	0
Number presented later, but by hour of opening	4
Number presented after hour of opening	0
Number presented in good form, proper entries, correct footing	2
Number showing 10% or more increase in church membership	0
Number showing increase less than 10%	2
Number showing no increase	2
Number showing a S. S. at each appointment on charge	3
Number showing C. E. Society at each point on charge	2
Number showing one or more W. M. A. Society on charge	0
Number showing 20 or more increase in S. S. enrollment	0
Number showing no increase in S. S. enrollment	3

Number showing 10 or more increase in C. E. membership	1
Number showing C. E. society, but no increase	3
Number showing one or more Telescopes for each 10 members	1
Number showing U. B. S. S. literature in S. S. of charge	4
Number showing pastor's salary paid in full as per contract	2
Number showing benevolence paid full as per apportionment	1
Highest number of points received by any charge	208
Lowest number of points received by any charge	38
The average of points received	119½
Number of charges at or above the average	2
Number of charges below average	2
Total number of points received by all charges	478

COMMITTEE.

Bayou Mallet..	25		9	10					10	50		104
Freeland												
Jennings.....	25	20	8	10	10			20	10	25		128
Kephart. . .												
New Orleans...												
Otterbein ..	25		3						10			38
Roanoke.	25	20	6	10	10		12	15	10	50	50	208
Slidell												
												478

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The urgency of this interest is set forth in this succinct statement of Scripture, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel unto every creature;" and that the Holy ghost will bear witness to this universal proclamation is found in the promise "Lo I am with you always even to the end of the world;" there can be no question then as to the duty in being light bearers to every land and nation where the word of God is not fully proclaimed. Our obligation to execute this mission can only be limited by our ability if we are to serve the will of God in answering the call. Nor can we stay for any argument upon any ground

of expediency, "Ours not to make reply, ours not to reason why, ours but to do and sometimes to die." If we are to contribute our part in this Christlike crusade toward making the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, the manifest results of this obedience to the will of God are word wide in the scope of their revelation, and marvelous to behold. The seed sowing in savage lands has been followed by the evolution of a glorious civilization; the complexion of dynasties controlled by the devil has been changed into blossoming forms of purified political activity, and the passing of ancient systems of evil under the power of this resistless pentecostal propoganda has almost literally made a new heaven and a new earth. From a hundred years ago when the mission work of the world was a struggling nucleus, until now seems a little while, and yet during this period the redeemed of God from heathen lands have been brought to number nearly millions. Schools and orphanages have been established, medical dispensaries have brought help and healing, and the festering sores of the worlds superstitions and ignorance have been converted into the clean and wholesome character of christian living. In this work of renovation and regeneration the church of the United Brethren in Christ has had no unimportant part, and our activity and usefulness have steadily increased until at this time we have large and well cultivated territory, Japan, China, Philippines, Porto Rico and Africa, and yet compared with what we might do, our work has been all too little; the consecration of larger means and the giving of more lives would immeasurably extend the work of God in the world in the near future. With a deep sense then of the profound responsibility entrusted to us as the custodions of God's truth let us by the sacrificial passion of the Son of God dedicate ourselves anew to doing all that our ransomed powers can accomplish in making the waste places of the world blossoms like a rose garden with the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

W. LOMAX CHILDRESS.

HOME MISSION.

The Louisiana Conference regards the Board of Home Missions as one of its most important boards. We note with pleas-

ure, that notwithstanding these times of financial unrest occasioned by the most horrible war in the world's history, this Board of our great church is standing nobly by our work here. Our Conference has before it a large and needy field with an ever increasing area and we earnest request the continued interest and benevolence of the Home Mission Board, and heartily pledge this great board our support. MRS. W. LOMAX CHILDRESS.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The growth of our Publishing Department of the United Brethren church during the past eighty years is a just ground for gratitude upon the part of all our people. Growing from a net valuation of less than nothing to a present net valuation of nearly $500,000.00. Our denominational literature, The Telescope, Watchword, Sunday School and Missionary is essential to the intelligent growth and development of the membership of the church, and is deserving of a much larger patronage than it receives. We most earnestly urge that our ministers put forth a vigorous effort to promote the circulation of our literature, and request our people to patronize the same very liberally.

JAS. ELLIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the Sixteenth Session of the Louisiana Conference of the United Brethren in Christ:

The Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1st. We desire to express our deepest love and thankfulness to our Great and Loving Savior for his care and preservation over us for the past year and for his presence with us in this session of Conference.

2d. We desire to express our thanks to Bishop Kephart for being with us and for his spirit of encouragement and helpfulness.

3d. We desire to express our greatest thanks to the people of Roanoke who have so kindly open their homes to us; to the members and visitors of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

BESSIE A. RICHHART.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

If you please let us look at three phases of it: What it is, its material and its results.

The Sunday School is the Nations School of Civilization. It is composed in the main of the best manhood and womanhood of the various communities or sections of the country. It is as a rule composed of consecrated men and women who no doubt received their instruction and impulse to a life for Christ thru attendance at the Sunday School. The consecration is essential to success for the reason that not all of the instruction and teaching is given in the Sunday School, for we know that Example is one of the greatest forces in the world today. Thru an entire surrender comes the inspiration to greater activity on the part of the individual to have a part in carrying out Christ's purpose, the redemption of the world, and there is the desire to get hold of and interest those who do not know the Christ in a personal Savior, hence the boys, the girls and the unsaved are looked after and sought for; not that any particular denomination might be built up, but the first and direct concern is for the salvation of the unsaved. Having secured their attendance there yet lies before them, I believe, the more difficult task, that of interesting and holding the scholar. How shall this difficulty be met?—upon bended knee, getting in absolute touch and harmony with God, seeking His guidance, for He has promised to be with us, hear and answer us if we come with a heart sincered. I believe that the teaching and the life should be such as to create in the unsaved an admiration for our Christ and the desire to know Him in a personal Savior. When the individual has been saved we should see to it that as far as possible a place be given them on the working staff that they may begin to apply the instruction and teaching received, and be placed in a position, where embarrasment is not to great, that they look to their own resources—dependence upon God. As a result of this kind of work I believe that I can see the following results: A soul saved to service for God; A Sunday School doing work for the Master, and the church benefitted by additions in membership, with a strong and mighty influence for good in the community. The Sunday School is the greatest institution in the world today and has a

work that no other can do; so let us as a church and organization be up and doing that in that final day we may hear "that well done."

Respectfully,

FRED BUCH.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report as follows: There are no evils in Louisiana so detrimental to the work of the church and to society as the present liquor traffic. We recommend therefore that every effort possible be put forth by every member in our church to abolish this great evil out of our state and country.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. SCHROCK.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE STATISTICS

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP										SOCIETIES				SUNDAY SCHOOL								
		No Churches on Charge	Beginning of Year	Rec by Confession of Faith	Rec by Letter or Transfer	Total in Church during Year	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter or Transfer	Lost by Change in Boundry	Total Loss	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	No. Y P S C E Societies	Memb's in Y P S C E Societies	No. Ladies Aid Societies	Memb's L. Aid Societies	No. Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars in Main School	Scholars in H. Department	Total Enrollment No. on Cradle Roll	Average Attendance	No. Organized Adult Classes	No. Organized C's Age (12-20)	Scholars in O. Adult Classes	Added to Ch. from the S. S.
BAYOU MALLET	W. R. Schrock	1	61	9	5	75	1	....	37	38	37	....	38	....	.....	...	....	1	4	30	6	2	42	25	1	1	....	3
EVANGELINE	J. E. Lewis	1	12	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	.....	....	....	1	....	26	....	....	....	20	....	....	....	....
GLENMORA			28	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
JENNINGS	J. E Lewis	1	150	4	4	158	....	1	....	1	157	7	....	1	29	1	25	1	17	98	20	33	168	91	2	2	....	3
KEPHART		3	40	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
OTTERBEIN	E. N Hoffpauir	2	91	...	3	94	...	5	40	45	49	....	45	1	32	....	....	1	6	80	....	40	126	40	....	1	....	....
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	1	124	6	....	130	1	4	....	5	125	1	...	1	54	1	....	1	13	99	....	34	139	76	....	1	20	....
	Total	9	378	19	12	457	2	10	77	89	360	8	83	3	115	2	25	5	30	333	26	109	475	252	3	5	20	6

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	LITERATURE															FINANCE						
		Religious Telescope	Watchword	Friends for Boys and Girls	Otterbein Teacher	Otterbein Sen. Quarterly	Otterbein Int. Quarterly	Otterbein H. Dep. Quarterly	Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves	Lessons for our Juniors	Bible Pictures for Little Ones	Lesson Picture Chart	Graded Series: Intermediate	Graded Series: Juniors	Graded Series: Primary	Graded Series: Beginners	Woman's Evangel	Pastor's Salary Paid by Charge	Missionary Appropriation	Parsonage Rent	Presents Received	Total Received by Pastor	Conference Superintendent Salary	Local Current Expenses	Church and Parsonage Repairs
BAYOU MALLET	W. R. Schrock	1	....	8	1	12	8	....	....	8	8	1	....	....	....	....	....	$ 60 00	$ 200 00	$ 3 00	$.....	$ 263 00	$ 1 50	$43 35	$.....
EVANGELINE	J. E. Lewis	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GLENMORA		....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
JENNINGS	J. E. Lewis	12	45	....	6	45	....	20	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	590 00	100 00	120 00	100 00	910 00	.....	153 77	.....
KEPHART		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
OTTERBEIN	E. N. Hoffpauir	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	6	20	20	....	10	25	25	10	....	42 70	200 00	60 00	.....	302 70	.....	.....	.....
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	28	30	30	5	50	20	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1000 00	.....	120 00	120 00	1240 00	36 00	154 31	42 90
	Total	41	75	38	12	119	28	20	51	28	28	1	10	25	25	10	1	1692 70	500 00	303 00	220 00	2715 70	37 50	351 63	42 90

ANNNAL CONFERENCE STATISTICS

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	FINANCE--Continued									
		For Local S. S. Purposes	For Local Y. P. S. C. E.	Benevolent Budget	Special S. S. Work	Home and Orphanages	For Temperance Cause	Evangelist Work	Ladies Aid	Note on Church	Total for all Purposes
BAYOU MALLET	W. R. Schrock	$ 8 80	$	$ 20 45	$	$	$	$ 10 00	$	$	$ 347 30
EVANGELINE	J. E. Lewis										
GLENMORA											
JENNINGS	J. E. Lewis	145 07	6 50	127 02	37 50	7 00					1374 21
KEPHART									12 35	75 00	
OTTERBEIN	E. N. Hoffpauir			3 00				4 60			309 30
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	107 49		465 00	100 00		17 00		139 00		2301 70
	Total	261 36	6 50	615 47	137 50	7 00	17 00	14 60	151 35	75 00	4533 51

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCH PROPERTY							MISCELLANEOUS	
		Church Houses	Value	Debt	Net Value	Parsonage	Value	Net Value	Months Employed	Conference Minutes Wanted
BAYOU MALLET	W. R. Schrock	1	$ 1000 00	$ 50 00	$ 950 00		$	$	12	20
EVANGELINE	J. E. Lewis									
GLENMORA		2	2000 00		200 00					
JENNINGS	J. E. Lewis	1	3800 00		3800 00	1	2000 00	2000 00	12	25
KEPHART										
OTTERBEIN	E. N. Hoffpauir	2	1500 00	250 00	1250 00	1	500 00	500 00	12	30
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	1	2500 00		2500 00	1	1800 00	1800 00	12	30
	Total	7	10800 00	300 00	10500 00	3	4300 00	4300 00	48	105